

TRAFFIC is still being diverted on Kansas avenue, between Second and Third, because of the rough street pavement.

HOME EDITION

ROME THROWS GAUNTLET DOWN IN BALKAN RING

London Holds Movement of Troops Is Problematical.

Tentons Advance 15 Miles South of Belgrade.

ALLIED LEGIONS IN BALKANS

British and French to Stake All on Decisive Stroke.

Correspondent Reports Nish-Saloniki Road Still Intact.

Rome, Oct. 19.—Italy has declared war on Bulgaria, according to an announcement by the Stefani News agency.

Strikes for Serbia.

Paris, Oct. 19.—The Havas correspondent at Rome telegraphs:

"The Italian government, by order of the king, declared that a state of war existed between Italy and Bulgaria by reason of Bulgaria's having opened hostilities, against Serbia, thus ally itself with the enemies of Italy and combating her allies."

Smash in Balkans.

London, Oct. 19.—The decision of the entente powers to send large reinforcements to the Balkan front is indicated in a dispatch from Athens today to the Exchange Telegraph company. It is said this decision has been communicated to the Greek government.

This information was conveyed, the correspondent asserts, in form of a friendly note from the British and Russian ministers at Athens to the Greek government, in which plans of the entente powers were outlined. The note is said also to have pointed out that the quadruple entente interpretation of Greece's treaty obligations to Serbia apparently was not in conformity to that of the Greek government.

Italy Hurls Defiance.

London, Oct. 19.—Italy has declared war against Bulgaria, but the question whether she will send troops to join the British and French forces in Serbia remains as obscure as the results of the fighting raging on Serbia's eastern frontier.

The Austro-German armies which occupied Belgrade appear to have advanced more than fifteen miles south of the city, but the outcome of the fighting between the two armies remains as obscure as the results of the struggle in this quarter and none is expected until the fighting reaches a more conclusive stage.

Removal of General Sir Charles Hamilton from command of the Dardanelles force was received in England with mixed feelings, coming on the heels of rumors of a possible withdrawal from Gallipoli peninsula. In the best informed circles, however, the appointment as commander in chief of the British forces in the Dardanelles is interpreted as an indication that the campaign will be prosecuted with renewed energy, as the country has great confidence in the new leader's ability.

Nish Road Intact.

Paris, Oct. 19.—Denial is made in Athens that railway communication between Saloniki and Nish has been cut. (Continued on Page Two.)

High Mast Is Dead.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Edward Teare Taubman of Aberdeen, S. D., sovereign grand inspector general of the southern jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Free Masonry, died in a hospital here after a stroke of paralysis. He was here to attend the dedication of the new Masonic temple, headquarters of his order. He was stricken Saturday night.

WILSON GRANTS PARDON TO A CONVICT WHILE ON WAY TO JERSEY TO VOTE

Philadelphia, Oct. 19.—President Wilson, while traveling to Princeton, N. J., announced that he had granted pardon to Cameron Spencer, sentenced to five years in the Atlanta penitentiary, for unlawfully using the mails in connection with the Collins Wireless Telephone company. It was alleged at the trial that \$1,000,000 of fraudulent stock was sold. He was convicted in the United States district court at New York.

President Wilson left Washington at 8 a. m. today for Princeton, where he will vote in favor of the proposed amendment to the state constitution providing equal suffrage. He will return to Washington tonight.

Secretary Garrison and Secretary Tumulty and scores of government employees also left Washington early today for New Jersey to vote.

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GORY STEAM ROLLER BOWLING OVER SERBS

Berlin, Oct. 19.—The Austrian army which is invading Serbia over the Save front, along the Northwestern border, apparently has its movement well under way, after meeting with determined opposition from the Serbians. Army headquarters today announced the capture of the town of Obrenovatz. South of Belgrade, on the Danube, the Austrians have made a further advance.

The troops of General von Gallwitz have occupied several points of strategic importance.

The war office also announced that the Bulgarian army of invasion had captured the Serbian town of Vrania, on the railroad between Saloniki and Nish.

STILL IN WRECK?

George Parli of Axtell on Ill-Fated Motor.

Brother Searching for Missing Young Man.

Manhattan, Kan., Oct. 19.—George Parli, 20 years old, of Axtell, Kansas, was passenger on the motor train on the Union Pacific railroad which crashed into Fancy Creek last Saturday and no trace since has been found of him.

This statement was made today by William Parli, a brother, who came here to conduct a search of the stream for the body. Survivors of the wreck, according to Parli, saw the young man on the train when it left Garrison, Kan., the next station to Rathbun.

Organized search of the creek bed was abandoned today without the discovery of the infant child of Mrs. Emma Denlinger.

It is believed the body was washed down stream in the swift high water current that prevailed the day of the accident.

State Fire Marshal Issues Orders Against Alley Trash.

Destruction of 50 Homes in K. C. Awakens Campaign.

Accumulations of trash in yards and alleys constitute a menace to the people of a community, according to a statement issued today by the fire marshal, in announcing a campaign on the part of his department for the removal of such waste.

The immediate cause for the announcement was the recent destruction of fifty homes in Kansas City, Kan., in one week as a result of defective flues and the careless accumulation of trash. It is pointed out that nineteen of the houses were destroyed in a fire caused by an old pile of papers in an alley.

The menace of such accumulations increases very rapidly at this season of the year, he said. "Frequently they are ignited by sparks from chimneys. This is especially true when the soot is burning out. If such a blaze has its beginning at night it may gain a large headway before it is discovered."

Mr. Hussey urges that neighbors form "cleaning clubs" to co-operate in the removal of combustible material.

WAR CONTRACT DIVIDED

Bradley Company Gets \$50,000,000 Slice of Russian Expenditure.

New York, Oct. 19.—The distribution of a \$57,000,000 Russian war contract for munitions and supplies recently awarded to this country was announced today. The Bradley Construction company was awarded the munitions contract, which totals about \$55,000,000, and includes one billion rounds of cartridges. Its contract provides also for a new one-man machine gun which is carried on a soldier's back. It is an American invention.

A contract for 5,000,000 yards of cloth for overcoats was awarded the American Woolen company.

RECEIVED LIGHT FROST

River Continues to Fall; Colder Weather Tomorrow.

The temperature this morning went down to 40 degrees at 6 o'clock and was accompanied by a light frost. The prospects are for a continuance of the clear skies with lower temperatures tomorrow. The forecast calls for generally fair weather tonight and Wednesday; colder Wednesday.

The wind dropped to 12 miles an hour this afternoon and remained in the same direction. Following are the hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock 51 11 o'clock 71
8 o'clock 55 12 o'clock 73
9 o'clock 61 1 o'clock 75
10 o'clock 67 2 o'clock 77
3 o'clock 77

TEUTONS THRUST BACK

Three Attacks With Hand Grenades Near Souchez Repulsed.

Paris, Oct. 19.—Three German attacks with hand grenades last night to the northeast of Souchez were completely repulsed by the French forces, according to the French official statement given out by the war office this afternoon.

FOUNDER OF CITY GAS ROW AGAIN

Portrait of Colonel Holliday to State Historical Society.

Fortieth Annual Meeting in Session Here Today.

SECY CONNELLEY'S REPORT

Growth of Organization and Presents of Last Season.

First Cotton Gin Given by J. M. Piazek of Valley Falls.

The fortieth annual meeting of the Kansas State Historical society began here today. One of the features of the program was the formal presentation to the society of several paintings of leading Kansans. These included those of the late Senator J. J. Ingalls and Mrs. Ingalls, the late Senator James H. Lane and the late Colonel C. K. Holliday, founder of Topeka.

Reports of the various officers and committees and the election of officers occupied much of the time of the meeting this afternoon. Thirty-three members of the society were present today, one-third of the total directorate being elected annually. If custom is followed, Charles F. Scott of Topeka, first vice president, will succeed Col. J. N. Harrison of Ottawa as president. (Continued on Page 2.)

CARRANZA IS IT

Formal Recognition Is Extended by United States.

Pan-American States Present Acknowledgment Letters.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Formal recognition by the United States of the de facto government of Mexico, with General Venustiano Carranza as chief executive, was accomplished at noon today by the delivery to General Carranza's representative, Elizeo Arredondo, at the Mexican embassy, of a letter from Secretary Lansing.

Recognition letters from the Pan-American conference, similar in tone, also were received by Mr. Arredondo. Tomorrow, Mr. Arredondo will reach for Saltillo, Mex., to meet General Carranza and present to him the letters and notes of recognition from the several governments of Central and South America, which arrived during the day, in accordance with the decision of the Pan-American conference yesterday.

Recognition by nations other than those represented in the Pan-American conference is expected to follow soon.

Fletcher for Ambassador.

Although no final decision has been reached as to the appointment of an American ambassador to Mexico, the most likely choice is Henry P. Fletcher, at present ambassador to Chile. He has had considerable experience in Latin American countries, and, although a Republican in politics, he was promoted from minister to ambassador by President Wilson.

No Arms to Rebels.

The question of an embargo on war munitions shipments into Mexico is now under consideration by the state department. The probable procedure, it is estimated today, would be the adoption of a complete embargo, after which permits would be granted for shipments to the defacto government.

THREE KILLED AT K. C.

Kansas City, Oct. 19.—Three railroad employees, riding to work on the footboard of a Kansas City Southern railroad engine were killed and two others were injured today when two engines collided on a trestle in the North side yards. Those who lost their lives were A. O. Frost, S. G. Fry and T. L. Paterson, all of Kansas City.

WAR NEWS BOILED DOWN FOR THE RUSHED READER

The entente powers have informed Greece in a friendly note that they intend sending large reinforcements to the Balkan front. It is said in Athens advices, Italy has been added to the list of powers that have declared war on Bulgaria. A formal declaration by Russia is declared to be imminent.

Bulgarian troops have captured the Serbian town of Vrania, on the Nish-Saloniki railroad line. Cutting off this line means the stoppage of a rapid advance of allied reinforcements for the Serbians from Saloniki.

Berlin also announces the capture by the Austrians of the town of Obrenovatz, on the Save front, the Serbian war theater, and a further advance of the Teutonic forces south of Belgrade.

The Germans have again been attacking the French lines north-east of Souchez. Three determined assaults with hand grenades last night were repulsed, the Paris war office reports. There has been little activity of a promising nature along the western front.

Capture by a British submarine of the Swedish steamer Nike, carrying one from Sweden to Sweden, Germany, is reported from Sweden. The prize was taken into the Russian port of Revel.

The possibility of further changes in the British cabinet following the resignation of Sir Edward Carson, attorney general, announced last night, is being discussed in Great Britain.

Premier Asquith is ill, an official bulletin in London announced today, and a few days of complete rest for him has been necessitated.

Kansas Natural Tells Troubles to Utilities Commission.

Declares Gas at Old Rate Is Out of the Question.

HIGGINS MAKES WARM SPEECH

Says Commission Cannot Set Aside Present Contracts.

Topeka Company Files Plea for Gas at Any Price.

Competing companies are diverting the Kansas-Oklahoma gas supply for commercial use. The Kansas Natural company, which has been the main source of supply for the city, has filed a plea with the utilities commission, asking that the gas be sold at the present prices. That was the sorrow song of the Kansas Natural company, which in their application for a 27 cent rate.

Against the arguments of the gas company receivers are the claims of the utilities commission, which entered into rate contracts that cannot be set aside by the commission. That is not all. Headed by the Consumers' Light, Heat and Power company of Topeka, the distributing companies are demanding that the Kansas Natural be compelled to furnish an adequate supply. If the commission was told, are not a matter of serious concern.

Nearly a dozen lawyers in the first and second sessions opened fire on the utilities commission from a dozen angles today in the dispute over gas rates. The supreme court decision to date has been the result of the case. The utilities commission must be allowed, was flouted in the face of the commissioners. Against this statement R. J. Higgins of Kansas City argued that contracts for gas at stipulated prices must be upheld and that the matter of compensation under these agreements in the form of municipal ordinances could not be considered.

It was a lively opening day in the gas controversy. There were at times evidences of feeling, all of which promised that the hearing would not drag and would not be void of color and action.

Was Open Flannely Case.

The commission flatly refused the offer of Chester L. Long to present the evidence taken before Judge Flannely. Long indignantly admitted he didn't like the commission, but he said he would bring the witnesses to Topeka in person. Then T. F. Doran of Topeka said the commission had no right to bring the witnesses to Topeka in person. The witnesses were already in Topeka. The commission had no right to bring the witnesses to Topeka in person. The witnesses were already in Topeka.

C. M. Robinson, a Kansas Natural "scout," discussed under oath conditions of the Oklahoma gas field. He said that millions of cubic feet of gas were being used daily by large industries and that the Kansas Natural could not supply the demand. He said the company had 21 million cubic feet of gas a day in its boilers. The Hedgeshooter, Novata and Vandepool fields were exhausted, he testified. Of the remaining supply, heavy drains were being made by smelters, glass plants, brick and cement plants and other industries.

A report prepared by A. Helbert was offered by the gas receivers. This report bore out the Robinson testimony.

Higgins Makes Plea.

These conditions didn't faze R. J. Higgins, counselor for Kansas City, Kansas. He waded right into the proposition and urged that the gas company really had no choice but to be bound to respect them—or words much to that effect.

The gas company is under contract to supply gas to the city and whether the rates are compensatory or not," Higgins told the commission. They cannot be confiscatory when made by contract and the courts have so held. If you increase the price to 37 cents, the commission will take unto itself the power to repeal ordinances throughout the city.

Stone Was Peeved.

This statement peeved Robert Stone, representing the receivers. You contend that an ordinance is a contract," he said. Higgins said that the Wyandotte county situation was regulated by ordinance, while in Topeka there was no governing ordinance.

Judge Foley of the utilities commission at this point indicated that the commission held some controlling ideas and that Higgins might save some of his argument until near the close of the case. But Higgins said the last word was his.

Old Rate High Enough.

"The present gas rate brings a revenue, according to Mr. Lansdon, of about twenty per cent," urged Higgins. "I think this commission was wrong in making a rate of 28 cents. That rate should be wiped out and a 25 cent rate made. The present rate is 29 per cent. It is an investment—enough for even a gas company."

Just when every one thought that the first round of the battle was over, T. F. Doran of Topeka broke into the game. Doran is attorney for the Topeka gas company. He also has some positive ideas about the gas case and wants to discuss them before the present controversy is concluded.

"We want to offer evidence that we are not getting enough money to pay our bond issue," Doran said in behalf of the Consumers' Light, Heat and Power company. "We must have gas. We don't care what the rate is if there is no gas."

Doran looked red at Chester L. Long, when he said it and Long smiled.

Don't Neglect the Child.

"We don't want this commission to neglect the child merely because the parent is in trouble," Doran urged. "It is essential that the Kansas Natural furnish enough gas. We don't care so much about the rate as we do about the gas. Gas at 37 cents will be a return if used only for lighting and cooking. If there is a thirty cent rate and enough gas, we may pay a dividend."

The hearing will probably continue throughout the week. A number of gas company officials will likely appear before the commission and conditions in the Kansas-Oklahoma gas field will be discussed.

Following the testimony of the gas company, several distributing companies and representatives of cities affected by a commission order may offer evidence.

WRECK KILLS SIX

Two Rock Island Trains Come Together in Oklahoma.

Passenger and Freight Meet Head-On at Full Speed.

KANSANS AMONG THE VICTIMS

Caldwell Mail Clerks Badly Injured in Collision.

Steel Mail Car Jumped Clear Over Big Engines.

Oklahoma City, Oct. 19.—Six persons are dead, two fatally injured and about eight more or less injured as the result of a head-on collision between Rock Island southbound train No. 11 and a northbound freight train, which occurred early today at a curve, twelve miles south of Chickasha.

The Dead.

James Cobb, fireman on train No. 11, Chickasha.

Walter Southward, head brakeman on freight train, El Reno.

Abe Jones, Kansas City, Mo., on passenger train.

Three unidentified men, on passenger train.

Fatally Injured.

William Powell, Chickasha, the engineer on train No. 11; skull fractured.

Tom Carroll, El Reno, freight fireman; skull fractured.

Other injured.

Mrs. V. C. Keltner, passenger, Duncan, Ok.

R. L. Kallough, Caldwell, Kan., mail clerk; finger cut off.

Ross Mikles, Kokomo, Ind., passenger; collarbone broken. Mrs. W. R. Benge, Marlow, Ok., passenger; hurt about face and internally.

Traveling 30 Miles an Hour.

The trains were traveling 30 miles an hour as a result of the impact the passenger engine was left on top of the freight engine and four cars of cattle were piled over and around them.

The heavy steel mail car jumped clear over the engines and rolled thirty feet to one side. The express car was badly crushed, but the passenger messenger escaped without injury.

Those killed and injured were taken to Chickasha by a special train.

The wreck was caused, it is said, by the failure of the southbound passenger train to take the siding at Acawam, just a half mile from where the trains met. The train, which was headed on, was struck by the freight train.

The locomotives were two of the largest type in use on the Rock Island system. There were four mail clerks in the mail car that was hurled thirty feet from the track, two of whom were injured while two escaped.

The smoking car and first chair car were slightly telescoped. After the wreck three live cattle were seen standing on top of the wreckage, which was piled up about thirty feet in the air.

TAGGART IS FREE

Case of "Smiling Boss" Dismissed by Court.

Charge of Election Conspiracy Falls at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Oct. 19.—The case against Thomas Taggart, Democratic national committeeman for Indiana, charged with election conspiracy, was dismissed by Special Judge W. H. Zichner in criminal court today on the motion of Prosecutor A. J. Rucker.

The cases of the more than one hundred other men who were indicted with Taggart and Mayor Joseph E. Bell were put over to December 1.

Mayor Bell was acquitted by a jury last Wednesday after a trial lasting more than five weeks.

HOLD UP 3 TRAINS

Thieves Disrupt Schedule on West Shore Railroad.

Looted Two Freight and Try to Rob American Express.

New York, Oct. 19.—Six armed men held up and robbed two freight trains and attempted to rob an American express train on the West Shore railroad at the entrance to the tunnel between Congers and Haverstraw, N. Y., early today. After loading an automobile with packages taken from the two freight trains, the bandits escaped.

Arriving at the mouth of the tunnel in an automobile, the robbers tampered with the wires controlling a signal and caused the light to show red. This halted the first freight train, and as it stopped the men appeared beside the locomotive and covered the engineer and firemen with revolvers. They ripped open several freight cars and selected such packages as they wanted, loading them into their automobile. Then they ordered the engineer to proceed.

The second freight train was held up and robbed the same way. When the American express train stopped at the red signal, the robbers neglected to station a man at the locomotive and all of them went back apparently with the intention of breaking into one of the cars. As soon as they were out of sight the engineer opened the throttle and started up the train.

The looted trains were stopped at West Haverstraw, the next station north from the scene of the holdup and the crews saved the first news of the robbery.

An expressman, who was sent from Congers to repair the damages to the wires, found the bandits opening the packages. He was halted by a display of revolvers.

ASQUITH IS STRICKEN; FORCED TO QUIT WORK

London, Oct. 19.—Premier Asquith has suddenly become ill. His state of health will require withdrawal from public activity, at least for a few days. Shortly before 11 o'clock, the following bulletin was issued at Downing street:

"The prime minister is suffering from an attack of gastro-intestinal catarrh which will necessitate a few days of complete rest."

Earlier in the day Mr. Asquith attended meetings of the war committee and cabinet, both of them held in his official residence.

A BRITISH CRISIS

Cabinet Squabbles Threaten England With Disruption.

Redmond Declares Government's Position Precarious.

London, Oct. 19.—Britain is waiting anxiously to learn whether the cabinet ministers will be able to compose their differences and continue the government without swapping horses in midstream. The military difficulties which confront the allies have taken a position of secondary importance for the time being.

The cabinet has been holding long and frequent meetings since the Balkan crisis developed. Both newspapers and politicians agree that vital differences of opinion have arisen over the conscription issue and the near east question.

In the meantime party newspapers are carrying on a bitter debate and exchanging accusations of lack of patriotism and of placing party and private interests above those of the country. The resignation of Sir Edward Carson, attorney general, was the first proof of differences in the cabinet.

The reason assigned for his withdrawal is disagreement with the cabinet's policy in regard to the near east but the specific point of contention is withheld, as in the case of the retirement of Foreign Minister Del Casse of France, in whose footsteps Sir Edward appears to follow.

Speaking in Dublin last night, John Redmond declared the position of the coalition government was precarious.

"Any day we may be faced with another reconstruction," he said, "or with proposals which would end instantly the political truce and would rend the British people into contending factions."

On his way to the station a boy driving a grocery wagon almost ran over a man. The boy saw Mr. Wilson, but did not see Mr. Wilson.

"Who do you think you are?" shouted the grocery boy, as the crowd bore down on his wagon. Then he saw the president almost under his horse's feet, and pulled away.

The president smiled and the crowd laughed.

Noted Free Thinker Is Dead.

London, Oct. 19.—George William Foster, well known as a free thinker, is dead. He participated in the famous blasphemy trial in which the late Lord Chief Justice Coleridge decided it was not illegal to attack the principles of religion, provided the language used was not improper.

A big, good roads man, and former president of the Kansas Good Roads Association, lives on a rough road near Topeka which was not dragged last week after the rain. He's to blame for the road, he says, for he's to drag this road and did not.

BLOODIEST TRAIN ROBBERY ON THE MEXICAN BORDER

Two Killed and Five Wounded by Outlaw Bandits.

United States Non-Commissioned Officer Among Dead.

RAGE HATRED IN EVIDENCE

Shoes Taken From Feet of Slain Soldier.

Most Spectacular Holdup on Record Enacted.

Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 19.—Twenty Mexicans, who claimed to be followers of Luis de la Rosa, leader of the self-styled Texas revolution, last night perpetrated the most spectacular and bloodiest train robbery of many years in the southwest, at Olmito, seven miles north of here, on the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexican railroad. They mixed race hatred with robbery. As a result, two men were dead today, another dying and four wounded. Bullets caused all except two of the casualties.

Colonel A. P. Blockson, in command of the cavalry patrol in this section, said today that he did not believe the bandits were from the Mexican side, as he had received no reports to indicate crossing last night. The Mexicans for they shot and robbed cried: Viva Pizano, Viva Carranza.

Near the Rio Grande.

Pizano was De La Rosa's co-leader in the Texas revolution. The robbery occurred three miles from the Rio Grande across which it is believed the bandits afterward escaped into Mexico.

The dead are:

Corporal McBea, Third United States cavalry, shot.

Engineer H. Kendall, pinned beneath engine.

Probably fatally injured: Don E. S. McCain, deputy state health officer at Brownsville; shot in abdomen.

The injured: Harry J. Wallis, Brownsville, shot in arm.

R. Woodhall, fireman, scalded and bruised.

Claid J. Brishear, Troop A, Sixth cavalry, shot in the jaw.

C. H. Layman, Troop D, Third cavalry, shot in the neck and leg.

Bloodiest on Record.

This robbery was the bloodiest piece of work by bandits since their raids began three months ago.

The bandits removed the spikes from a rail, and lying concealed in the nearby brush, jerked this rail from under the nose of the engine with a long, heavy wire. The engine, baggage, mail and express cars jumped the track. The front truck of the engine bumped over the rails, and the car wheels remained on the rails. The day coach also remained on the track. No Pullmans were carried, and few passengers were aboard the train.

The robbery was conducted by five or six Mexicans clad in khaki uniforms and with cheap straw hats while outside the train some fifteen or twenty more Mexicans kept up a constant fire, apparently shooting either over or beneath the train.